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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON NPG DRAFT STUDY ON WARSAW PACT
STRATEGY AND DOCTRINE

1. WE FIND THE DRAFT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE AND AGREE WITH
MISSION COMMENTS IN USNATO 400 EXCEPT FOR THAT IN PARA.

2.J. THE FRG AND UK COMMENTS ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTED
AS WRITTEN. AS WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED NETHERLANDS AND
CANADIAN COMMENTS, MISSION SHOULD USE OWN DISCRETION
IN TAKING POSITION ON THEM.

2. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, WHICH ARE
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KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS OF STUDY DRAFT:

A. PARA 72, SECOND SENTENCE. . REVISE AS FOLLOWS:

". . . LARGELY ON INFERENCE BUT IT SEEMS REASONABLE THAT THE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO DIRECT THIS ACTIVITY OF MASSIVE MILITARY FORCES SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE POLITICAL CONTROL OVER THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF NUCLEAR OPERATIONS AT ANY SELECTED LEVEL.

B. PARA 73, LAST SENTENCE: SUGGEST DELETION OR CLARIFICATION.

C. PARA 105 (A): ADD AFTER "STRIKES" THE FOLLOWING PHRASE, "EXCEPT IN A SITUATION IN WHICH SOVIET LEADERS WERE CONVINCED THAT NATO WAS ABOUT TO INITIATE WIDE-SCALE STRIKES AND THEREFORE PREEMPTIVE USE BY THE WARSAW PACT WOULD BE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION."

D. PARA 108: DELETE LAST SENTENCE, ON GROUNDS THAT IT OFFERS ONLY ONE INTERPRETATION OF EVIDENCE, WHICH CAN ALSO BE INTERPRETED TO SUPPORT VIEW SET FORTH IN PARA 107. KISSINGER

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